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For: FLUSHING POSITION CONTROLLER INCORPORATED IN INK-JET RECORDING  
APPARATUS AND FLUSHING METHOD USED FOR THE SAME

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UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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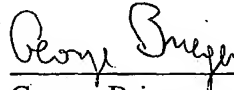
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